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Jane Henney, Commissioner  
FDA Docket # 00P-1211/CP1  
5630 Fishers Ln, Rm 1061 (HFA-305)  
Rockville MD 20852

Dear Ms Henney:

It is my understanding that there is no comprehensive government regulation of GE/GM foods, yet we've been eating them since 1996. The loophole seems to be the FDA verification that these foods are not a food additive to be regulated and that modified plants don't differ "materially" from non-modified plants. Yet, biotech corporations are counting on big profits in a race for control of agricultural production. Sadly, safely feeding the world remains their secondary priority.

Let's put 2 and 2 together. Already, 70 million acres of farmland have been planted with these modified seeds, even though we already know that once these seeds are released in nature we can never take them back! WE/FDA MUST REQUIRE great caution in the development of these foods that includes pre-testing and labeling of new products and corporate accountability to consumers and public regulation.

I quote from an article written by renowned conscientious geneticist David Suzuki: (please peruse enclosure) "Since GM foods are now in our diet, we have become experimental subjects without any choice. (Europeans say if they want to know whether GMOs are hazardous they should just study North Americans.) ..... We have learned from painful experience that anyone entering an experiment should give informed consent. That means at the very least food should be labeled if it contains GMOs so we each can make that choice."

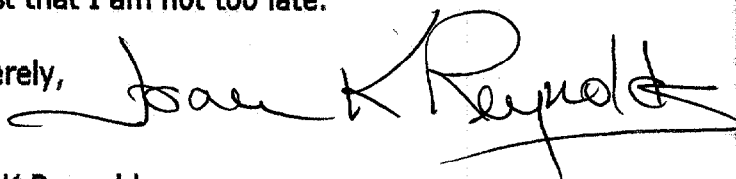
and I HAVE NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE MY INFORMED CONSENT!

I trust that you, as FDA Commissioner, will use your influence, based upon your knowledge of the situation at hand, to promote and support a legal petition by the Center for Food Safety: No new genetically-engineered foods or products with GE ingredients be released until the FDA requires long-term safety testing of all GE Foods before they go to market.

All GE foods presently on the market be labeled, giving consumers the right to know what is in the food they are eating.

I trust that I am not too late.

Sincerely,

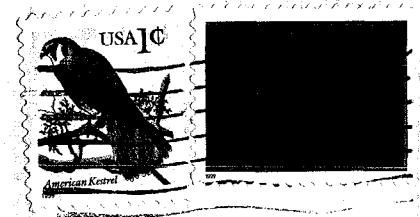


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